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The Honorable Ronnie Abrams U.S. District Court Judge, S.D.N.Y. Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Re: McAlister v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 18-cv-11229 (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Abrams:

We represent Defendants Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company Employee Benefits Committee in the above-referenced action.

Pursuant to Rule 1(d) of your Honor's Individual Rules & Practices, we write to respectfully request an extension of time to file objections to Magistrate Judge Wang's Report & Recommendation recommending that Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification be granted (ECF No. 161). Defendants' current deadline is March 31, 2023.

We have consulted with Plaintiffs' Counsel and they consent to the following briefing schedule:

Defendants' Objections April 28, 2023

Plaintiffs' Response June 2, 2023

The reason for this request is to accommodate preexisting schedules of counsel and the client, some of whom will be out of the country during the intervening holidays. This is the first request for an extension of time. This request does not affect any other scheduled dates.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Application granted.

Respectfully,

SO ORDERED.

/s/Russell L. Hirschhorn

Hon. Ronnie Abrams

Russell L. Hirschhorn

3/22/2023

cc All counsel of record (by ECF)